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SUBJECT: RAZAK'S UMNO ADDRESS: FOREIGN AFFAIRS HIGHLIGHTS

REF: A. KUALA LUMPUR 2684

B. KUALA LUMPUR 2685

SUMMARY: IN "STATE OF NATION" SPEECH TO UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY JUNE 30, PM RAZAK ANNOUNCED ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA AND COMMENCEMENT DISCUSSIONS WITH PRC WITH VIEW TO SETTING UP TIES IN NEAR FUTURE. P RAZAK BRIEFLY MENTIONED US-SOVIET DETENTE AND INDOCHINA SITUATION. AS EXPECTED, HE ALSO PLUMPED FOR ASEAN COOPERATION AND CREATION OF SEA "ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM, AND NEUTRALITY". END SUMMARY.

1. RELATIONS WITH PRC: PM RAZAK SAID GOM IS UNDERTAKING DISCUSSIONS WITH PRC (SEE REF 1) WHICH WILL LEAD TO OPENING OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. NEGOTIATIONS, HE SAID,
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ARE "DELICATE" AND WOULD TAKE TIME. (COMMENT: ACCORDING

RELIABLE PRESS SOURCE, DISCUSSIONS WITH PRC IN NEW YORK ARE WELL ADVANCED AND A PRINCIPAL NEGOTIATOR, ZAIN AZRAAI, PM'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISER, HAS RETURNED FROM NEW YORK TO BRIEF GOM ON PROGRESS. IN LINE WITH PREVIOUS EMBASSY ASSESSMENTS, WE BELIEVE FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENT ON PRC RELATIONS MAY BE MADE AT PARLIAMENT SESSION BEGINNING JULY 9 BUT FORMAL RELATIONS MAY NOT ENSUE UNTIL AUGUST OR SO. PUBLIC COMMENT ON PRC AND NORTH KOREA MOVES HAS BEEN PREDICTABLY FAVORABLE BUT "STRAITS TIMES" JULY 2 SAID: "CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO ENSURE, HOWEVER, THAT SPEED WITH WHICH MALAYSIA JOURNEYS ON ROAD TO PEKING "AND CHINA TRAVELS ON ROAD TO KUALA LUMPUR) WILL NOT AFFECT ADVERSELY RELATIONS WITH OUR REGIONAL PARTNERS.")

2. NORTH KOREA: PM RAZAK REVEALED ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA BUT JOINT COMMUNIQUE INDICATES THAT EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES WILL TAKE PLACE SOMETIME IN FUTURE AFTER FURTHER CONSULTATIONS. COMMUNIQUE FORMULA BRIEF, MERELY RESTATING COMMITMENT TO FIVE BANDUNG PRINCIPLES.

3. INDOCHINA: PM RAZAK FOUND "LATEST DEVELOPMENTS" (PRESUMABLY RECENT US/DRV AGREEMENT) "ENCOURAGING" AND HOPED THAT ICCS WOULD BRING "GOOD RESULTS".

4. US/SOVIET RELATIONS: PM SAID HE PLEASED AT "SERIOUS ATTITUDE TOWARDS MAINTAINING DETENTE" AND THAT BREZHNEV VISIT TO US HAD "FAVORABLE EFFECT ON WORLD PEACE."

5. ASEAN AND SEA NEUTRALIZATION: WITHOUT GOING INTO PARTICULARS, PM RAZAK PLUMPED FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION AND "ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM, AND NEUTRALITY" IN SEA AND SAID THAT NEUTRALIZATION SCHEME "IS GETTING SUPPORT OF ALL COUNTRIES WANTING PEACE." HE ALSO MENTIONED PALEMBANG MEETING WITH INDON PRES. SUHARTO AND KELANTAN MEETING WITH PM THANOM OF THAILAND WHICH HE SAID HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO GREATER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING. NE WIN VISIT, HE SAID, ADVANCED COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING WITH BURMA.

6. COMMENT: FOREIGN AFFAIRS ISSUES GENERALLY TOOK BACK LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SEAT AT UMNO ASSEMBLY TO DOMESTIC CONCERNS SUCH AS RISING PRICES AND RICE SHORTAGES. NEVERTHELESS, THIS WAS OPPORTUNITY FOR PM TO TELL PARTY FAITHFUL OF GOM'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN FOREIGN RELATIONS AND TO FURBISH GOM'S IMAGE AS NON-ALIGNED LEADER.
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